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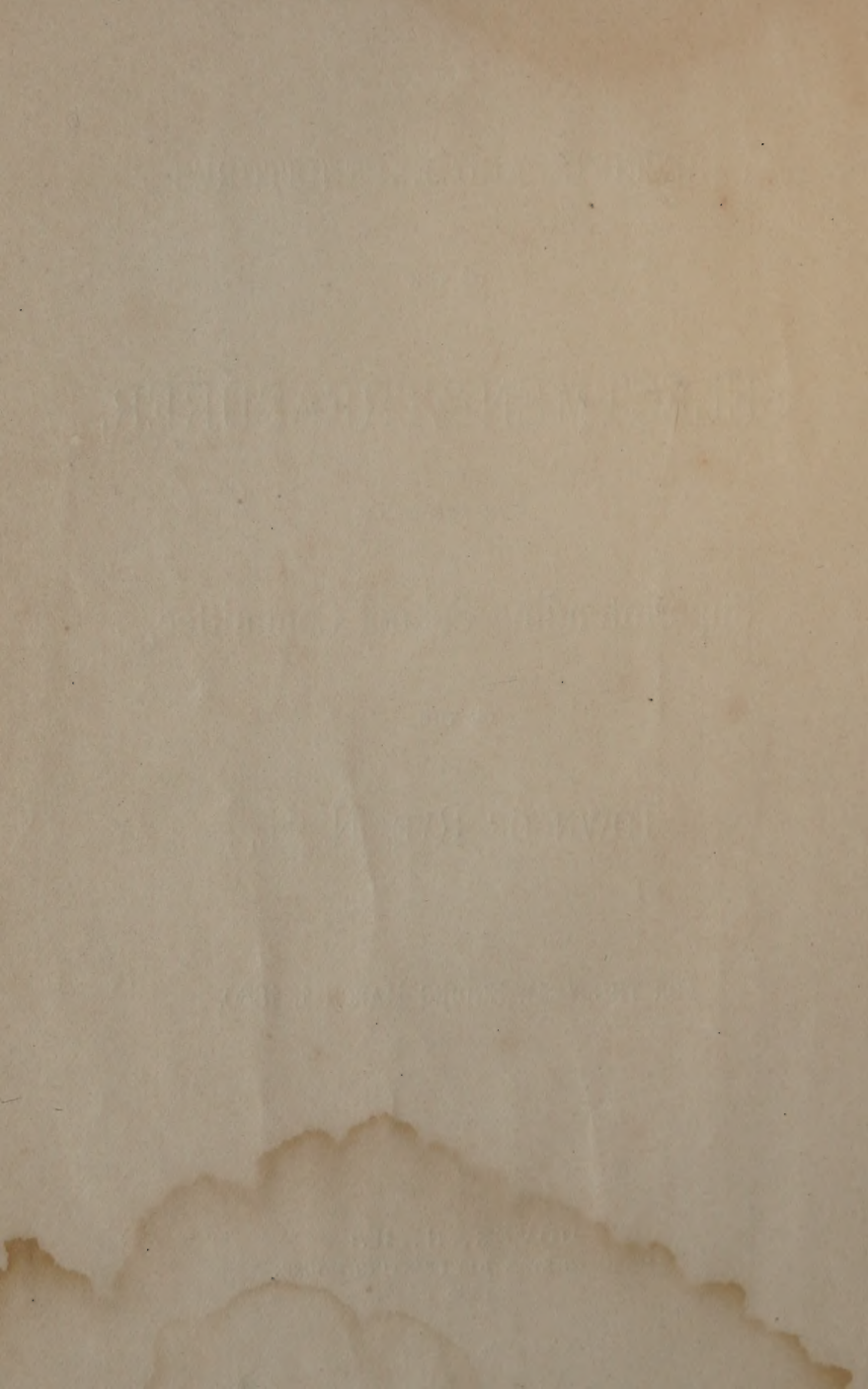




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## SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

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State Tax,	\$1556 00
County Tax,	2091 25

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### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

J. Calvin Garland, for gravel pit,	\$100 00
Mrs. J. Pressey, for land and fence damage,	42 00
“ E. Garland, land damage,	8 00
Orin Drake, labor on Wallace sand road,	6 00
Thos. W. Rand, “ “	10 50
Adams E. Drake, “ “	10 50
Jenness Marden, “ “	10 50
Thomas I. Varrell, “ “	3 75
Sylvester Odiorne, “ “	3 75
Chas. M. Rand, “ “	3 75
Albert H. Drake, “ “	3 75
Gilman Varrell, “ “	1 25
Truman Odiorne, “ “	4 75
“ “ for gravel,	10 00
“ “ for plank,	50
Selectmen, purchasing gravel pit of J. C. Garland,	3 00
“ for widening road near Mrs. Pressey's,	6 00
“ purchasing a gravel pit of O. P. Garland,	3 00



O. P. Garland, for gravel-pit,	100 00
J. Calvin Garland, building wall,	4 63
J. J. Drake, plank for bridge,	21 20
J. W. Garland, for gravel,	16 00
Chas. D. Garland, for gates,	3 25
M. V. Sleeper, stone post, &c.,	7 87
“ “ blasting rocks,	3 05
James M. Rand, sharpening drills,	1 86
Adams E. Drake, carting lumber for bridge,	12 75
J. H. Bailey, 50 lbs. nails,	1 25
John Varrell, labor on road,	2 50
Eben L. Seavey, labor and lumber,	10 13
E. J. Seavey, “ “	15 72
Charles N. Knowles, gravel,	4 48
David Remick, labor on bridge,	16 50
Samuel Adams, for lumber,	4 65
H. B. Bickford, labor on bridge,	3 13
Jed. Rand, drills, &c.,	4 15
John O. Foss, powder,	4 55
Orin Drake, labor on bridge at C. Point,	2 00
“ “ “ Seavey's,	5 25
“ “ Town Farm road,	6 25
B. D. Batchelder, labor on bridge,	3 00
Elvin Rand, “ “	5 25
Selectmen, laying out road near E. L. Seavey's,	6 00
Wm. H. Seavey, repairing bridges,	3 20
Charles B. Odiorne, “	3 75
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	\$503 37

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

George Boss, damage on horse and sleigh,	25 00
M. Goodrich, books and stationery,	19 87
G. Guppy, printing notice,	1 00
D. Philbrick, going to Gosport,	3 00
Dr. W. O. Junkins, returning deaths and births,	1 50

Wingate and Dunton, printing town acc'ts,	28 00
Connell, one badge,	1 75
Alba R. Foss, to bury horse,	1 00
Albion D. Parsons, per vote of town,	2 00
H. M. Curtis, records of Newcastle,	50
J. L. Seavey, by vote of town,	4 00
L. T. Sanborn, maintaining watering-trough,	3 00
Orin S. Green, Town Clerk,	25 67
Morris E. Drake, collecting Center S. tax,	6 00
O. S. Green, attending court, 1877,	4 00
R. L. Locke, blank check-list,	2 25
Supervisors, for services,	15 00
Selectmen, for perambulating town line,	3 00
"    for making Center School tax,	6 00
R. G. Shapley, for maintaining watering-trough,	3 00
B. D. Batchelder, Exeter and Portsmouth, for C. Pau- pers,	5 00
Orin Drake, do	5 00
David Jenness, Treasurer,	25 00
B. D. Batchelder, to Concord, to settle State tax,	6 00
T. J. Parsons, stationery for Town Clerk,	97
"    recording deeds, postage and affidavits,	5 00
C. D. Garland, to Portsmouth for County Paupers,	2 00
Dr. Parsons, returning deaths and births,	4 00
Postage,	1 16
Dues for Aaron R. Locke,	3 48
Morris E. Drake, services as Collector,	46 00
A. H. Hodgdon, meals for tramps,	3 50
"    dinners for Selectmen and Auditors,	2 50
Auditors,	4 00
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	\$269 15

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## TOWN HALL RECEIPTS.

Rye Cornet Band,	13 15
Congregational Society, for festival,	6 00

Christian Society, for strawberry festival,	3 00
Social entertainments,	6 00
N. R. Goss, exhibition,	3 00
Lectures,	3 00
J. E. Leavitt, for prayer-meetings,	2 50
S. G. Smart, chalk-talk,	1 00
H. Sawyer, for use of settees,	2 00
Frank A. Philbrick, do	4 00
Oyster parties,	12 00
Dances,	5 00
Charles M. Rand, for singing-school,	12 00
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	\$72 65

### TOWN HALL EXPENSES.

J. T. French, for moulding,	2 25
John O. Drake, lumber for town hall,	3 50
Saml. B. Spear, painting                   “	171 50
B. D. Batchelder, labor and lumber,	2 62
T. J. Parsons, nails,	42
H. B. Bickford, labor,	75
Orin Drake,                   “	3 00
E. C. Jenness, lumber,	75
Selectmen's bill,	6 00
T. J. Parsons' bill,	4 55
E. C. Jenness' bill,	4 80
Six cords wood,	21 00
Sawdust,	1 00
Taking down funnel,	1 50
Lamp chimneys,	60
Two Spittoons,	90
A. H. Hodgdon, Janitor,	60 00
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	\$285 14



## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Note, Mary Jenness,	50 00
Alfred S. Goss,	999 02
Charles N. Knowles,	100 00
O. P. Garland,	102 57
Hannah W. Rand,	872 61
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	\$2124 20

## POLICE EXPENSES.

Albion R. Philbrick,	5 00
A. H. Hodgdon,	5 00
“ extra trouble,	5 00
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	\$15 00

## EXPENSES OF THE POOR.

C. D. Garland, one cord wood for Sarah Waldron,	3 50
Annie Caswell, cash,	2 00
Jane H. Locke, board of Aaron R. Locke;	145 00
Margaret Marden, aid,	26 00
Adams E. Drake, one cord wood for Margaret Marden,	4 00
Jane H. Locke, board of Christopher Grant,	24 00
Gilman Varrell, aid,	5 00
Alfred Bunker, care of Christopher Grant,	4 00
David Jenness, 4 cords wood for Margaret Marden,	13 00
“ 2 “ “ Mrs. B. F. Waldron,	6 50
R. I. Garland, 1 “ “ “ “	3 25
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	\$236 25

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Wm. C. Downs, board of Eliza A. Downs,	40 00
Horace L. Trefethren, board of brothers,	125 00
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	\$165 00

## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Joseph W. Garland, Prudential Com., West,	325 00
Levi T. Sanborn, " " South,	325 00
Thos. W. Rand, " " Center,	325 00
Mary G. Woodman, " " East,	325 00
Nathan R. Goss, Superintendent Com.,	10 00
Thos. J. Parsons, books,	2 61
Nathan R. Goss, "	6 72
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	\$1319 33

## SHEEP DAMAGED BY DOGS.

Wm. F. Seavey,	17 00
Joseph L. Seavey,	3 00
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	\$20 00

## BOUNTIES.

On Hawks,	11 70
On Fox,	50
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	\$12 20

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1878.

Lawrence Berry, poll tax,	1 10
Albert Clarke, "	1 10

Christopher Grant,	"	1 10
Wm. F. Gerry,	"	1 10
George A. Lougee,	"	1 10
Parsons D. Locke,	"	1 10
Woodbury N. Mace,	"	1 10
Langdon B. Parsons,	"	1 10
John Parks,	"	1 10
Henry N. Caswell,		1 65
Joseph A. Caswell,		4 00
Thomas H. Philbrick,		5 95
Heirs of B. F. Waldron,		3 30
Samuel P. Garland,		1 10

1880.

Lemuel Locke, on money,	6 60
Abram Perkins,	16 50
Alfred G. Jenness,	13 20
Orion L. Foye,	4 62
Jedediah Rand, poll tax,	1 10
Christopher Rymes, "	1 10
Richard Benning, "	1 10
Langdon B. Parsons, "	1 10
Woodbury N. Mace, "	1 10
Charles W. Rand, on valuation,	11 00
Nathaniel Marden, horse,	55
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	\$83 87

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## SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

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TOWN OF RYE TO B. D. BATCHELDER, DR.

Preparing books for inventory and tax,	6 00
Taking inventory,	8 00
Enrolling militia,	2 00



Making return of R. R. stock,	1 50
Renewing notes,	2 50
Preparing collector's book,	1 00
Settling bills,	8 00
Revising juror box,	1 50
Attending juror meetings,	1 00
Making return of valuation to State,	2 00
Preparing inventory blanks,	2 00
"    accounts for printing,	4 00
With Auditors one day,	2 00
Making returns of deaths, marriages and births,	1 50
Making return of non-residents,	2 00
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	\$45 00

## TOWN OF RYE TO ORIN DRAKE, DR.

Preparing books for inventory and tax,	6 00
Taking Inventory,	8 00
Enrolling Militia,	2 00
Making return of R. R. stock,	1 50
Renewing notes,	2 50
Preparing collector's book,	1 00
Settling bills,	8 00
Revising juror box,	1 50
Attending juror meetings,	1 00
Making return of valuation to State,	2 00
Preparing inventory blanks,	2 00
"    accounts for printing,	4 00
With Auditors one day,	2 00
Making return of deaths, marriages and births,	1 50
Making return of non-residents,	2 00
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	\$45 00

## TOWN OF RYE TO CHAS. D. GARLAND, DR.

Preparing books for inventory and tax,	6 00
Taking inventory,	8 00

Enrolling militia,	2 00
Making return of R. R. stock,	1 50
Renewing notes,	2 50
Preparing collector's book,	1 00
Settling bills,	8 00
Revising juror box,	1 50
Attending juror meetings,	1 00
Making return of valuation to State,	2 00
Preparing inventory blanks,	2 00
“ accounts for printing,	4 00
With Auditors one day,	2 00
Making return of births, marriages and deaths,	1 50
Making return of non-residents,	2 00
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	\$45 00

B. D. BATCHELDER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ORIN DRAKE,	
CHAS. D. GARLAND.	

*of Rye.*

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

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### RECEIPTS.

Amount on hand,	\$618 92
Amount of tax-list,	5292 01
New Hampshire lodge for Aaron R. Locke,	104 00
County, for County paupers,	166 00
State, as Saving's Bank tax,	1825 20
"    Railroad tax,	84 05
"    Literary fund,	84 36
John O. Foss, collector for 1878, as part of due bill,	579 00
State, as bounty on foxes and hawks,	8 90
Estate of David Wedgewood,	25 00
A. H. Hodgdon, for town hall,	72 65
By note,	1800 00
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	\$10,660 09

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### EXPENDITURES.

State Tax,	\$1556 00
County Tax,	2091 25
Highways and Bridges,	503 37
Miscellaneous Expenses,	269 15



Notes and interest paid,	2124 20
Police expenses,	15 00
Poor expenses,	236 25
County paupers,	165 00
School expenses,	1319 33
Sheep damaged by dogs,	20 00
Bounty on hawks and foxes,	12 20
Abatements,	83 87
Selectmen's bills,	135 00
Town hall expenses,	285 14
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	\$8,815 76
Due from collector, as per due bill,	300 00
Cash on hand,	1544 33
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	\$10,660 09
Credit, by total amount of receipts,	10,660 09

DAVID JENNESS, *Treasurer.*

We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

CHARLES J. BROWN, } *Auditors.*  
EMERY WOODMAN. }

# DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN, MARCH, 1, 1880.

Amount of notes against the town,		\$10,512 16
Due Woodbury Seavey, land damage,		80 00
“ John H. Foss, “		3 12
“ Thomas Green, “		3 12
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		\$10,598 40
Due the town from John O. Foss,		
Collector for 1878,	21 00	
Due from Morris A. Drake, Col-		
lector for 1879,	300 00	
From G. H. Jenness,	24 96	
Bounty from State on Hawks,	6 00	
Cash on hand,	1544 33	
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Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$8702 11
Reduction of town debt,		<hr/> \$360 99

REPORT  
OF THE  
Superintending School Committee,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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FELLOW-CITIZENS :

In offering my report as required by law, I will make it as brief as practicable, refraining from any extended suggestions, well knowing that such in documents of this kind are seldom heeded, be they ever so worthy of consideration.

The past year has not been without its valuable lessons, though I regret to acknowledge that the schools, as a whole, are less complimentary to the community than they were at the beginning of March, 1879. This difference can be traced to easily-explainable causes, too well understood to even need mention, and especially when such causes are not likely to be repeated in the coming year. Intelligent people are seldom caught making the same serious mistakes very many times, in rapid succession, the harsh lesson of experience being altogether too costly to be lightly passed over and forgotten. Yet instruction from this teacher is oftentimes indispensable, there being many who will spurn



what is proffered by others, until the old dame proves it with her plainest figures. The wheels of school government are not difficult to turn, when every one stands ready to contribute his part of the force. It is only when one-half stand idly aside or, worse still, throw obstacles in the way, that they cease to revolve, and the machine stops.

Just at this time there is a pressing demand for greater unity of action ; a thorough waking up of the people to that point of taking a deep interest in our schools, and at the same time making them more useful. A single individual can not accomplish this alone, or four, or any small number, but the combined efforts of the whole could work out the most gratifying changes. It should be plainly set forth that the Prudential Committees are the instruments of much good or harm, according as they wield their authority. The best men and women that can be found are not too good for such important positions. Those that can give a small fraction of time to the duties of the office are greatly to be preferred, and those that will exercise a watchful care over the school property, aim to employ the very best teachers, and then assist them to do their work well, should be sought for and pressed into the service.

Right here it will not be out of place to mention that the selection of teachers has grown to be a feat of the most delicate importance. From the vast army of educated tramps, male and female, who infest the country, carrying numerous high-sounding recommendations, claiming for their owners surpassing skill in the art of school-teaching, it is not easy to select teachers in all respects qualified. Some information respecting the previous experience, and the character of the positions held by the applicants, should be gathered, and on this based any subsequent negotiations. Such information can usually be obtained most easily by the Prudential Committees, and a faithful performance of duty on their part would generally result in finding teachers fitted for their work.

The past year has witnessed no strides toward a High School, though what has been said in other reports about the advantages of one, is as pertinent now as ever. If such a school were supported, even for a few weeks each year, during the winter months,

it would give a stimulus to study that is very much needed. There are a fair number of advanced pupils in town, who are foolishly wasting their time with primary scholars, when they might be better interested, better taught, and better governed in a room by themselves.

A very commendable degree of improvement has been made, during the year, in reading and spelling, as many visitors to the rooms have noticed. This is as it should be. These almost "lost arts" are not likely to be brought into too great prominence, and they are very apt to be neglected. Reading being the key to every department of study, it is usually the best reader that acquires information most readily, and is in the end the most proficient scholar.

I have made some important changes in text-books, principal among them being the Arithmetics, which had been doing faithful service for many years. Parting with an old book is like bidding adieu to a trusty friend; but an old school-book is oftentimes no more valuable than an old almanac, and then it should be exchanged for a new one. The Arithmetics that we now use are more generally in use throughout this State than any others, because they embrace features valuable to our pupils that no others possess.

The patrons of the exhibition given by the schools last spring may rely on having the proceeds of the entertainment expended for useful books of reference at an early day.

I feel confident that if the visits to the schools had been carefully reported, the showing would be better than it was the previous year, and let me indulge the hope that this practice will be carried much further another year, for in no other way can as much good be accomplished with so little labor.

Something in detail will be expected concerning each school, and with a few brief notices, I will close my report.

The West school was taught during the Summer and Fall terms by Miss Elzada M. Goss, who is too well known to need more than the mention of her name. I am satisfied that her efforts were highly appreciated, and that the school was a thorough success. The Winter term was taught by the writer, a fact that forbids all unnecessary comments.

The Summer term of the South school was taught by Miss E. Josie Marston, of North Hampton. Owing to the peculiar state of feeling existing in the district at the time, it was almost certain that any teacher could meet with only partial success. Had her discipline been firmer and her methods of instruction better studied and executed, it doubtless would have proved a moderately useful term, but lacking as it did in these respects, I have failed to discover that anything especially noteworthy was accomplished. The Fall term was under the instruction of Miss Ella M. Dorr, of Wolfborough. This teacher was not a novice at the business, and therefore she was able to understand the difficulties of her position in season to overcome them. I found her school, in the later weeks orderly, and her pupils, with hardly an exception well employed. Miss Jennie Frink, of Newington, attempted the Winter term, and probably bears off the palm for conducting the meanest apology for a school ever tolerated in the town. At the beginning the conditions indicated a result more favorable. The school opened large and contained a goodly number of advanced pupils that a *working* teacher ought easily to have governed. As the register has not been returned to me, I cannot make a complete report, but at my first visit, at least twenty-five who ought to have been there were absent, and at my second visit about thirty-two were missing. This indicates a poor attendance which, if the school had been better than a mob, would remain a lasting disgrace to the district. Altogether the term was a lamentable failure, and I hope the people will take measures to prevent anything of the kind in the future. Certainly, after such a barbarous imposition, they ought to be unanimous for a wholesome administration of their affairs.

The Center school, for the entire year, was taught by Miss Fannie A. Little, of Me., a teacher of large experience. She is a faithful worker and succeeded in exhibiting some excellent classes, especially in Arithmetic and Geography.

The Summer and Fall terms of the East school were taught by Miss Mary E. Odiorne. Very few teachers can govern a school as easily and thoroughly as she. The closing exercises were highly creditable to her patient efforts, and to the pupils associated with her. Oliver H. Ham, of Portsmouth, began the Winter term,

but receiving the offer of a much better position, he withdrew at the end of the ninth week. He is a young man of fine promise, and deserves to be successful, but not understanding his school perfectly, he rather failed in discipline here. Valentine M. Coleman, of Newington, continued the term, and it is still going on. Though the school was noisy like a threshing machine when I visited it, I believe he had secured the good will of every one in the room, and was succeeding to the general satisfaction of the district. No other school in town has manifestly improved more than this in the last three years, and the children deserve praise for many exercises that can be heard in their room any day.

The tables following will be necessarily incomplete, owing to the fact that one register has not been returned, and others are not properly filled out. It should be borne in mind by the Prudential Committee that it is a part of the teacher's work to "cause all proper entries to be made" in the register and that a teacher is not entitled to any pay until it is so filled out and returned to the School Committee of the town.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. R. Goss, -  
*Superintending Committee.*



## STATISTICS, SCHOOL OFFICERS, &c.

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SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE,

N. R. GOSS.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE,

West District, { JOSEPH W. GARLAND,  
CHARLES A. DRAKE,  
SIMON E. CHESLEY.

South " THOMAS L. SANBORN.

Center " THOMAS W. RAND.

East " MRS. MARY G. WOODMAN.

Amount of money appropriated by the town for school  
purposes, . . . . .

\$1300.00

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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The names in SMALL CAPITALS are of those who have not been absent more than one day during the year; those in *italics* have been punctual for two terms; others, only one term.

### WEST SCHOOL.

<i>Lizzie M. Drake,</i>	Eliza J. Parsons,
<i>Kate A. Drake,</i>	Mary E. Philbrick,
<i>Clara E. Parsons,</i>	Martha A. Mace,
<i>Lizzie I. Philbrick,</i>	Annie M. Locke,
<i>Annie L. Sleeper,</i>	Gertrude Garland,
<i>Weston J. Garland,</i>	Martha A. Brown,
<i>Willie E. Chesley,</i>	Marshall G. Frost,
<i>Horace W. Philbrick,</i>	Frank H. Rand,
	Mary E. Rand.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

<i>Carrie M. Sanborn,</i>	Ida M. Jenness,
<i>Erastus Goss,</i>	Lizzie A. Knowles,
<i>Ivon Jenness,</i>	Olive A. Locke,
<i>Horton D. Marden,</i>	Carrie M. Jenness,
Annie K. Sawyer,	Willie M. White,
Nellie M. White,	Charles M. Jenness,
Bertha L. Philbrick,	Arthur M. Locke,

## CENTER SCHOOL.

FANNIE F. RAND,	Arlie Mowe,
JEDDIE RAND,	Mary Trefethen,
<i>Florence Marden,</i>	Emma Trefethen,
<i>Etta J. Rand,</i>	Cora Walker,
<i>Mary Marden,</i>	Annie Delany,
<i>Grace Caswell,</i>	James Caswell,
<i>Ella M. Caswell,</i>	Robert Churchill,
<i>Herman O. Rand,</i>	Chester Drake,
<i>George H. Caswell,</i>	Ernest Holmes,
Flora M. Berry,	Fred Marden,
Katie Berry,	Alice Churchill,
Ella G. Holmes,	Forest Varrell,
Mabel I. Hodgdon,	Gilman Walker,
Annabelle Marden,	Charles Foss,
	Herbert E. Foss.

## EAST SCHOOL.

EDGAR B. ODIORNE,	Eddie Seavey,
CHAUNCEY M. WOODMAN,	Lizzie W. Trefethen,
<i>Mary A. Dow,</i>	Elizzie H. Foss,
<i>Imorgene Keene,</i>	Etta Clark,
<i>Annie L. Odiorne,</i>	Katie L. Grover,
<i>Georgie A. Odiorne,</i>	Alice M. Hall,
<i>Nellie A. Goss,</i>	Jennie Trefethen,
<i>Elzada A. Odiorne,</i>	Georgie E. Odiorne,
<i>Charlie Varrell,</i>	Lizzie W. Rand,
<i>Henry Varrell,</i>	Herbert H. Hall,
Henry H. Keen,	Charlie Clark,
	Arthur Foss.

	SUMMER TERM.			FALL TERM.			WINTER TERM.		
	W.	S.	C.	E.	W.	S.	C.	E.	
Length of school in weeks,	8	9	7	10	8	10	8	10	13 13
Wages of Male Teachers per month,									50 { 40 55
Wages of Female Teachers per month,	34	34	40	32	34	34	40	32	43
Whole No. of different pupils,	34	43	43	50	30	40	41	42	50 50
Average attendance,	31	36	39	45	26	31	36	36	30 43 40
No. of visits by Superintending Committee,	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2 3 2
“ “ Prudential Committee,			1	6	1		1	4	3 3
“ “ citizens and others,	16			15	30		23	20	46 65 22
“ Pupils in Reading and Spelling,	34	43	43	50	30	40	41	42	36 50 50
“ “ Penmanship,	25	26	26	40	26	12	23	30	35 34 48
“ “ Arithmetic,	26	36	27	42	23	30	25	34	33 40 47
“ “ Geography,	18	25	25	25	21	19	23	20	32 30 37
“ “ Grammar,	11	9	2	20	10	7	2	18	15 9 24
“ “ Composition,	17			15	17	8		12	15 6
“ “ U. S. History,	5	3		4	5	1		3	3 4 2
“ “ Philosophy,				1				1	
“ “ Physiology,		2		1					
“ “ Book-keeping,	1	2		1	1			1	2 1
“ “ Algebra,		1		1				1	









